

Good morning, it's January 31, 2013, and welcome to Panther News. I'm \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_th grade.

Tomorrow ... February 1<sup>st</sup> ... marks the beginning of “National African American History Month”. It is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in United States history.

Since 1976, every U.S. President has officially designated the month of February as “National African American History Month”. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating African American history.

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We thought we would read some quotations by famous African Americans to inspire you:

“I am America. I am the part you won't recognize. But get used to me. Black, confident, cocky; my name, not yours; my religion, not yours; my goals, my own; get used to me.” Muhammad Ali, 1975.

“Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave; I am the dream and the hope of the slave; I rise; I rise; I rise.”  
Maya Angelou, 1978.

“Racism is not an excuse to not do the best you can.”  
Arthur Ashe, 1991.

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More quotations by famous African Americans to inspire you:

“You’re either part of the solution or part of the problem.” Eldridge Cleaver, 1968.

“Life is short, and it’s up to you to make it sweet.” Sadie Delaney, 1993.

“The question is not whether we can afford to invest in every child; it is whether we can afford not to.” Marian Wright Edelman, 1992.

“I can accept failure. Everyone fails at something. But I can't accept not trying.” Michael Jordan, 1994.

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“Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere  
ignorance and conscientious stupidity.” Martin Luther  
King, Jr., 1963.

“Freedom is never given; it is won.” A. Philip Randolph,  
1937.

“Black people have always been America's wilderness in  
search of a promised land.” Cornel West, 1993.

“Success is to be measured not so much by the position  
that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he  
has overcome while trying to succeed.” Booker T.  
Washington, 1901.

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Of course, we all know that Barack Obama is the first African American to hold the Office of President of the United States.

According to [whitehouse.gov](http://whitehouse.gov):

His story is the American story — values from the heartland, a middle-class upbringing in a strong family, hard work and education as the means of getting ahead.

With a father from Kenya and a mother from Kansas, President Obama was born in Hawaii on August 4, 1961. He was raised with help from his grandfather and his grandmother.

After working his way through college with the help of scholarships and student loans, President Obama moved to Chicago, where he worked with a group of churches to help rebuild communities.

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He went on to attend law school, where he became the first African-American president of the *Harvard Law Review*. Upon graduation, he returned to Chicago to help lead a voter registration drive, teach constitutional law at the University of Chicago, and remain active in his community.

In the Illinois State Senate, he passed the first major ethics reform in 25 years, cut taxes for working families, and expanded health care for children and their parents.

He was elected the 44th President of the United States on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008, and sworn in on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009. He was reelected on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012, and sworn in on January 21<sup>st</sup>, of this year.

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Since President Obama's oldest daughter, Malia is close to our age ... for a lot of us ... we want to mention this famous African American. She is 14 years old, and in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Sidwell Friends School in Washington, D.C. Her Secret Service codename is "Radiance."

Malia is a typical kid. She loves dancing and music. She is a big fan of Beyoncé. She plays soccer, and she enjoys hanging out with her friends from school. Her parents make sure she studies. Some sources say that she is also very inquisitive ... asks questions ... and likes to read on her own.

She is popular at school and has a number of friends. There is no evidence that she is seriously dating anyone, since her parents believe she is much too young for that kind of relationship.

Some quick announcements:

The Yearbook Club is having a Chick-Fil-A fundraiser tomorrow ... after school. A sandwich, bag of chips, and a can of soda will be sold for \$5 per plate. Plates can be pre-ordered with a yearbook member, Ms. Rodriguez or Mr. Corson.

Our Tejano Center for Community Concerns and Raul Yzaguirre School for Success website has a new look with more information. Check it out at [tejanocenter.org](http://tejanocenter.org).

Mr. Brown's Service Learning Club meets in his room every Wednesday afternoon from 4:15 to 4:45 to discuss and develop different service projects that will support the community. Get involved!

Students, “go live”, and read your composition on PANTHER NEWS ... a great experience! Ask your ELA teacher to send us your work, and we’ll contact you.

Again, our e-mail address so you can send your comments and submissions to PANTHER NEWS for broadcast consideration:

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Please make sure that you are following the uniform code in your student handbook. Wear your ID badge at all times while on campus. Respect each other as you pass by in the hallways. Stay to your right, and NO BULLYING, please! If you see trash in the hallways of our buildings and anywhere on our campus, pick it up, and throw it in a garbage can.

## Communities in Schools

Today: Vocabulary Review, Homework Completion, Career Survey, Dodge Ball, Xbox, Wii, Board Games.

Friday: “Get the Math Video Games”, Homework Completion, Soccer Scrimmage, Xbox, Wii.

## Lunch Menu

Today: Spaghetti and Meat Sauce with Breadstick or Beef BBQ Baked Potato, Cucumber Coins, Ranch Dressing, Baby Carrots, Diced Pear.

Friday: Beef Patty and Cheese on Bun, Salad with Dressing, Baked Curly Fries, Fresh Fruit.

That's all for now. We will not be broadcasting next week. Our advisor, Mr. Chambers will be in Austin giving presentations at the Texas Computer Education Association convention. We'll see you Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup> .

Have a great day, and study hard! Your future depends on it!